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PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: Wednesday, August 9, 2006 6 p.m.
Date/Time of Occurrence: Monday, August 7, 2006 12:57 p.m.
Nature: Man Arrested in Attempted Abduction
Location of Call: Kings Beach, State Beach
Released by: Dena Erwin (530) 308-1384
Tahoe contact: Det. Jeff Davis (530) 581-6326

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:



Lucino Estrada

An alert citizen Wednesday led Placer County Sheriff's deputies to the arrest of the suspect in Monday afternoon's attempted abduction of a young girl from a North Lake Tahoe Beach.

Around 1:30 p.m. today, Deputy John Lasagna was flagged down by the citizen at the Kings Beach State Park. The citizen had heard news reports about a man who tried to grab one girl and bothered several others at Kings Beach. Lasagna detained and later arrested Lucino Estrada, 46, a Kings Beach-area transient, on charges of attempted kidnapping and lewd and lascivious acts.

A witness from Monday's incidents positively identified Estrada as the suspect, according to Detective Jeff Davis.

The suspect approached several young girls Monday before he kissed the hand of one girl and attempted to pull her away. She screamed, catching her father's attention and scaring the suspect away. The Placer County Sheriff's Department assigned extra deputies to patrol the area on bicycles and in patrol cars, as well as posting fliers and alerting the media to the suspect's description.

Estrada was booked into the Truckee jail and will be arraigned Thursday morning at the North Lake Tahoe courthouse. The investigation into Estrada's actions continues and the Sheriff's Department has received inquiries about similar crimes in other states. Anyone who may have information about Estrada's activities is asked to contact Detective Jeff Davis at (530) 581-6326.

